रतलाम रेल मंडल के क्षेत्राधिकार को कम किया जाना

1699. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रतलाम रेल मंडल के क्षेत्राधिकार को कम किये जाने का विरोध किया जा रहा है और इस संबंध में रेल मंत्रालय को एक मांग-पत्र दिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो मांग-पत्र और उस पर की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिन्धिया): (क) रेल विभाग को एक मांग पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है ।

(ख) अभ्यावेदन में मंडल कार्यालय को रतलाम से हटाकर किसी अन्य स्थान पर ले जाने और रतलाम मंडल का अधिकार क्षेत्र कम करने के संबंध में विरोध व्यक्त किया गया है।

मंडल कार्यालय को रतलाम से हटा कर किसी अन्य स्थान पर ले जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है और भोपाल मंडल के अधिकार क्षेत्र के सम्बन्ध में अभी कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

New Rake Linked Time Table

1700. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are aware of a new design of railway time-tabling principles and a modern time table based thereon ;

(b) if so, whether this time-table is linked with a new rake link ;

(c) whether this has been prepared by the Railway Board or by some outside agency other than Railway Board ;

(d) whether it is also a fact with the introduction of the modern time-table the use of steam locomotives in passenger trains would not be necessary ; and

(e) if so, by when the new time table is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) There are no new Time Table principles as such.

(b) anc (c) All time Tables contain some new and revised links, and they are prepared by the Railway Board.

(d) Steam locomotives will have to continue on branch line passenger trains till they are fully phased out.

(e) New time table are published after every six month i.e. from Ist April and from Ist October, and in every time table efforts are made to make improvements.

1701. [*Transferred to the 13th March, 1986*]

Birth Rate in the Country

1702. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the past few years the birth rate in the country has remained more or less static at 33 per thousand.

(b) whether the meeting of the State Health Ministers was convened to review the progress of the family planning programme ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have expressed grave concern at this high growth rate ; and

(d) if so, what are the directives issued by the Central Government to the States in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY

WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The estimates of Birth as available from Sample Registration System of Registrar General of India for the latest four years are given below :

Year	Birth rate (per thousand population)
1981	33·9
1982	33·8
1983	33·7
1984*	33·8

(*Provisional)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government is seriously concerned over the high birth rate. The State Governments have been requested to give high priority to the Family Welfare programme and quicken the pace of its implementation so that the demographic goals set out in the 7th five year Plan are achieved.

Mayo Hospital Calcutta

1703. SHRI RAM KRISHNA MAZUMDER :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have under consideration a proposal to convert Mayo hospital in Calcutta into a full fledged hospital for the medical treatment of the Central Government employees in Calcutta ; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A committee has been constituted to explore the feasibility of taking over of Mayo Hospital. An overall view will be taken after the committee submit its report.

Express-way between Ahmedabad and Baroda

1704. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a press conference held on the 30th December, 1985 at Bombay, the Minister of State for Surface Transport indicate that Government had decided to construct and Express-way between Ahmedabad and Baroda at a cost of rupees 128 crores ;

(b) whether this express-way is likely to be completed during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) what are the other express-way projects in the country which are under consideration and what are the names, lengths and estimated cost of each of these express-ways ; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of Ahmedabad Baroda Expressway included in the World Bank assistance programme is expected to commence during 1986-87 and is likely to be completed in 1991-92.

(c) None.

(d) Does not arise.

Declaration of State roads in Himachal Pradesh as National Highways

1705. SHRI MATI USHA MALHOTRA :
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1430 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1985 and state :

(a) whether the Pathankot-Mandi road is proposed to be included in